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## FARM AND HOME HOUR

ADVERTISER	UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS	WRITER	EPISODE NO. 447
PROGRAM TITLE	WMAQ BLUE	OK	
11:30-12:30	PM CDST	AUGUST 1, 1941	FRIDAY
CHICAGO OUTLET			
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PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS



1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: Theme

3. ANNOUNCER: Two years ago the United States Forest Service, mindful of  
4. its public interest as well as its purely technical forestry  
5. obligations, decided to help restore the totem poles of  
6. Alaska and to revive the art of totem carving. Since then  
7. several native Indians, of all ages, have been restoring  
8. totem poles which were rescued from the overgrown and abandoned  
9. Thlinget and Eydah Indian Villages of yesteryear. The younger  
10. men work under the direction of those older Indians who still  
11. retain the skill of totem carving and the secrets of  
12. obtaining pigments from native rocks and soils. And so, once  
13. again, such famous and colorful and intricately carved totems  
14. as the Sun and Raven Pole, the Beaver Pole, the Abe Lincoln  
15. Pole, and the Grizzly Bear Pole stand proudly under Alaskan  
16. skies in honor of long-dead chieftains and the old spirit gods  
17. once worshiped by the Indians. And the descendants of those  
18. earlier Alaskan Indians - not only are doing a great work  
19. valuable to scientists and students and of unending interest  
20. to the many visitors in Alaska - but also, are helping  
21. themselves to a fuller, happier life through the revival of an  
22. almost forgotten art. This, after all, is what the Forest  
23. Service, mindful of its social obligations to a forest people  
24. had planned when the project was started two years ago.

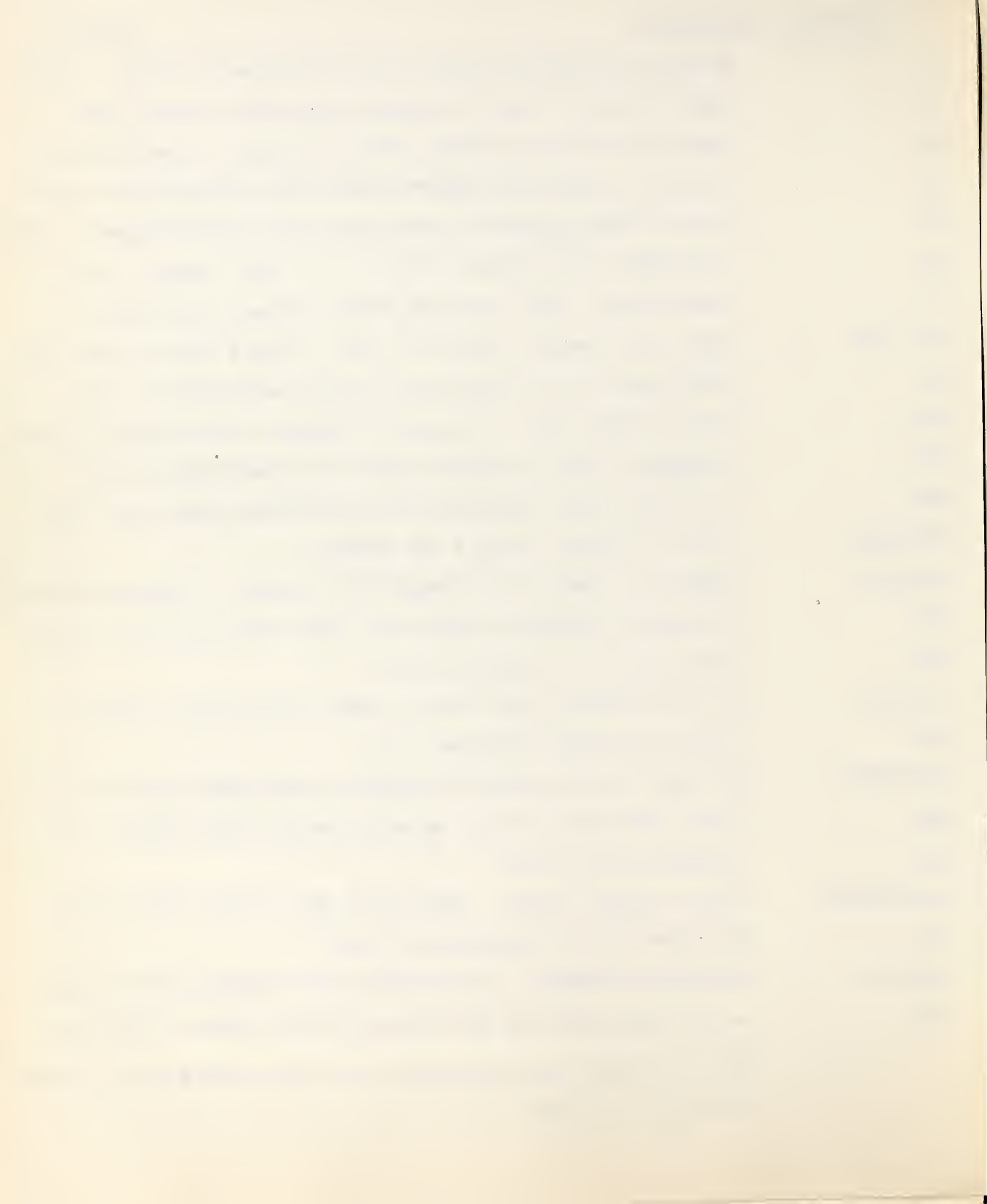
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1. Now for our friends of the Pine Cone National Forest. Since
2. this has been a week of special celebration for all the
3. folks of the Farm and Home Hour we thought it would be kind
4. of nice to bring our Ranger friends right here in the studio
5. for the 447th program of the Uncle Sam's Forest-Rangers. Just
6. a friendly get-to-gether for all of us and, maybe a bit of
7. reminiscing. Well, any way, here's Ranger Jim Robbins....
8. JIM: Thank you, Everett, for all of us. I don't have to tell you
9. how proud we are to take part in this celebration of the
10. Farm and Home Hour. We sort of figured, all of us did, that
11. it would be nice to rehash some of the early days of the
12. Pine Cone, just informally and conversation-like and...and...
13. MARY: Why, Mr. Robbins, what's the matter?
14. JIM: Doggone it, Mary, I've forgotten my speech. I got so interest
15. in Everett Mitchell's talk about totem poles and all I clean
16. forgot what I was going to say.
17. MARY: Oh, Mr. Robbins, and after you went and made up a special
18. speech for today's program, too.
19. JERRY: Hey Jim, do you want me to carry on from where you left off?
20. I bet I know your little speech by heart after hearing you
21. practice it all week.
22. EVERETT: Wait a minute, Jerry. What was it about those totem poles,
23. Jim, that was so interesting to you?
24. JIM: Just this, Everett. It struck me that through all the years
25. of our Farm and Home Hour you and all the rest of the folks
- who have taken part have done some totem carving too....H-m-m
- Don't get it, huh?







1. EVERETT: I'm afraid I don't, Jim.

2. MARY: Well, I do.

3. JERRY: Make way for the schoolmarm, everybody. Speak up, Mary.

4. MARY: Well, I think what Mr. Robbins meant is simply this. According

5. to my good friend, Mr. Webster.....

6. JERRY: Mr. Webster?....Mary, you haven't told me about any fellow you

7. know by the name of Webster. What's going on here, any way?

8. MARY: Don't be silly, Jerry. I'm talking about Webster's Dictionary

9. JERRY: Oh.....

10. MARY: As I was saying, according to Mr. Webster, totems are simply

11. a representation of a relationship which exists between people

12. and things. American Indians, for example, used to conceive

13. of some animal or object as being closely related to their

14. tribe or clan and so the Indians would put up totem poles on

15. which they carved either the animal or the story of its part

16. in their history.

17. JIM: Good girl, Mary. That's what I was aiming at - the Farm and

18. Home totem pole.

19. EVERETT: THAT'S a fine thought, Jim. You'd say, then, this Farm and

20. Home has been sort of like a totem pole that tells the story

21. of progressive farming and good land use.

22. JIM: That's right, Everett. The way I look at it, every program

23. and every ounce of effort that's gone into making these Farm

24. and Home Programs through the years has been a bit of carving

25. on the totem of agricultural progress and conservation.



1. MARY: And if we could just set the totem pole up it would tower  
2. high into the sky. The bottom would be the year 1928 when  
3. the Farm and Home Hour started. And there'd be different  
4. colors representing sympathy and understanding of our farmers  
5. and other listeners, and there'd be other colors to indicate  
6. the effort that's been made to provide interesting and useful  
7. information and entertainment. And stretching up from the  
8. 1941 mark on the pole would be a long uncarved section still  
9. to be carved in the future.
10. JERRY: You've got me almost seeing that totem pole, Mary. And I  
11. know what that green section is, running from near the bottom  
12. of the pole right up to today's program.
13. MARY: It's the Pine Cone National Forest, isn't it?
14. JIM: Yes, Mary, the carvings tell a story of all the forests of  
15. America, too, and the wildlife, and the streams, and what our  
16. Nation is trying to do to improve its forest resources, and  
17. achieve true forest conservation.
18. MARY: I think it would be fun if we could go back through the years  
19. or, rather, down the pole a ways, and see the symbols and  
20. carvings that represent our own Forest Service part of the  
21. Farm and Home Hour.
22. EVERETT: No sooner said than done, Mary. Let's see, now.....Here we  
23. are....January 7th, 1932....indelibly marking the first  
24. program of Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.
25. MARY: There should be a carving of Ranger Jim Robbins first thing.  
And if there were, he'd be sulking.





1 JIM: (CHUCKLES) Yeah, who wouldn't have sulked. I wanted to  
2 take down the Christmas decorations, as I recall it, and  
3 Bess wouldn't let me. Said she wanted to leave 'em up until  
4 the new assistant ranger arrived.... so's he wouldn't feel  
5 lonesome or something....

6 MARY: Jerry, what are you so red in the face about?

7 JERRY: Huh?....Oh, I was just remembering that first time I met Jim  
8 at the Ranger Station. Gosh, I must have been a smart aleck,  
9 huh, Jim?

10 JIM: H-m-m...well, I kind of expected that, Jerry. You being fresh  
11 out of school and all. Remember that first lesson you got,  
12 Jerry?

13 JERRY: Do I? Boy, I bet if we looked close enough we'd find the  
14 picture of a broken match in more places than one on our  
15 totem pole. Jim made me fish in the ashes at the bottom of  
16 the stove for the match I tossed in there after I lit my  
17 cigarette. (MIMICING JIM) Break it in two pieces, he said.  
18 And when I argued that I'd throw it where it wouldn't do any  
19 harm, he said: Break your match in two, son. Better get the  
20 habit right now. So I did...

21 JIM: And I knew Jerry here had the stuff in him from that moment on  
22 HERRY: Why, Jim? 'Cause I considered discretion the better part of  
23 valor and broke the match in two?

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1. JIM: No, Jerry. I reckon I can tell you now that I knew doggonned  
2. well you burnt your hand on a live coal when you fished in the  
3. stove. And you never let on a mite that it hurt. That's  
4. why... But, Everett, where's the next carving on the totem  
5. pole?  
6. EVERETT: Well, a little less than half way up the pole...here's the two  
7. hundredth program of Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers, May 22, 1936.  
8. JERRY: Yes sir! That's the day Ranger Jim Robbins received his  
9. special citation and pine-tree badge from the Chief of the  
10. Forest Service.  
11. JIM: This is the badge, Everett. I've had it with me ever since.  
12. EVERETT: We've got the citation right here too, Jim.  
13. MARY: Please read it for us, won't you, Mr. Mitchell?  
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1. EVERETT: All right, Mary. It says (READING) It is my great pleasure  
2. to inform you of your appointment as an honorary Forest  
3. Ranger of the United States Forest Service. This appointment  
4. come to you in recognition of your outstanding service in  
5. behalf of conservation. During the past years you have  
6. performed valuable public service in stimulating interest in,  
7. and increasing knowledge of our important forest problems.  
8. You are to report for duty at once, and I hereby charge you  
9. with the following duties: First, to continue to administer  
10. honorably and efficiently the Pine Cove National Forest of  
11. Radioland; second, to render continuing service to the public  
12. in the traditional manner of Forest Rangers, fairly and  
13. without discrimination, promoting always the protection,  
14. conservation, and wise use of our forest lands, and thus  
15. contributing to the welfare of our country and its people....  
16. With heartiest greetings and good wishes, I am...Very  
17. sincerely yours, F.A. Silcox, Chief, Ur States Forest  
18. Service.

19. JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) That letter was writt er five years ago.  
20. I guess all I can say is I hope I've ed the late Chief  
21. Forester Silcox' faith in me...as Ran im Robbins.

22. EVERETT: I think the record would speak for it on that score, Jim.

23. JIM: Well, Everett, there's been some carv lone by Bess and Mary  
24. too, during all these years of the F. nd Home Hour. What  
25. about that?



1. JERRY: Yeah, Jim and I would never have been able to carry on
2. without their help.
3. EVERETT: You're right. All up and down the story of Uncle Sam's
4. Forest Rangers, Bess and Mary have had a big part in the
5. happenings on the Pine Cone National Forest. Bess, always
6. sympathetic and understanding....
7. JIM: Yeah, staying up all hours of the night to keep the coffee
8. hot and worryin' about whether we ever were going to eat on
9. time...
10. JERRY: IT's too bad Mrs. Robbins couldn't be with us today.
11. JIM: Yes, it is. She's staying with a family in Winding Creek.
12. MARY: I know. Helping out where there's sickness and trouble. Bess
13. Robbins should be shown always lending a helping hand to friends
14. and neighbors.
15. EVERETT: A big place on the totem pole for Bess Robbins!.....And Mary
16. Halloway, loyal and helpful, and always getting Jerry out of
17. his scrapes.
18. JERRY: Huh?
19. MARY: Except that one time, when he saved my life in that forest
20. fire, Mr. Mitchell.
21. JIM: Yes, and we oughtn't to overlook all the scraps these
22. youngsters have had, either. They've sure kept the years
23. lively for all of us.
24. JERRY: No more, Jim. No, sir. Mary and I have sworn that we're not
25. going to quarrel any more. Isn't that right, Mary?





1. MARY: Well...yes, Jerry, if you'll remember to keep your appointments
2. with me hereafter.
3. JERRY: That's not fair, Mary. When did I ever fail to keep a date
4. I'd made, except when....
5. MARY: Why, Jerry Quick. Only last week....
6. EVERETT: Ahem...Times getting on, folks...
7. MARY: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Mitchell.
8. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Yeah, unless I miss my guess, Jerry's sorry too.
9. Well, what's next on the totem pole, Everett?
10. EVERETT: Well, our imaginary totem pole records an interesting
11. campfire scene....the time you told the boys around the
12. campfire what a Ranger thinks about. It was on a fall roundup
13. of the Bar-O ranch outfit, back in 1932. Do you remember,
14. Jim? I think many of our listeners would like to hear again
15. what you said that time....Remember? The campfire, and the
16. cow punchers sitting around and the stars beginning to shine
17. through the blue night sky? And the boy strumming his guitar
18. as you started to speak (FADE) your little piece?
19. JIM: (FADE IN) Well, I've been riding the national forest trails
20. for going on twenty-five years now. I came to this job of
21. Forest Ranger as a young fellow without much experience but
22. with high ideals. Twenty-five years of hard work on the
23. Forests have brought me a lot of experience, but they haven't
24. shaken my faith in those ideals one bit.
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1. I still see the Forests as one of God's greatest gifts to  
2. mankind, serving us in an infinite number of ways, and  
3. asking only our care and protection to enable them to keep  
4. serving us always. As a young Ranger, I thought it would be  
5. be easy to make everybody else see the forests the same way,  
6. and stop being careless and indifferent about the things that  
7. damage them. But I've learned since that some folks don't  
8. change their ways so easily. A lot of folks never stop to  
9. think that the forests must be kept growing if they are to  
10. continue to serve us.

11. I've learned to love these forests more and more. For twenty  
12. five years I've worked for them and fought to protect them.  
13. And I'm still fighting... Do you realize what these forests  
14. of ours mean to us? They give us wood for our homes and for  
15. our industries, and for thousands of uses; they cradle our  
16. great rivers at their birth, and help provide us with steady  
17. and abundant supplies of pure water; they give shelter to our  
18. bird and animal friends; they offer us a refuge from the  
19. dizzy whirl of modern life, a chance to play, and a chance to  
20. keep our acquaintance with our good old Mother Nature. They  
21. give us the kind of beauty and inspiration that makes life  
22. worth living.

23. If we neglect our forests, if we fail to protect them, we have  
24. left only barren waste. If we care for them, if we help them  
25. to renew themselves, if we guard them against misuse, they will  
continue to serve us for all time.

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1. I want you folks to love the forest as I do. It isn't a  
2. blind, sentimental love. It's a practical sort of love,  
3. you see, that makes me want to work for my forests, to make  
4. them better, to help them give their best for our own and  
5. our country's good. I think everybody will come to love the  
6. forests as I do. And when everybody is ready to do his part  
7. for the forests' welfare, and to make sure that no act of his  
8. will do the forests harm, I'll be ready, when the time comes,  
9. to hit the trail over the Great Divide with a song in my  
10. heart.  
11. The forest extend their services to us all; their benefits  
12. go far beyond their boundary lines, and continue through the  
13. years to come. And so we Rangers guard them in the interests  
14. of all. We try to grow forests for the years; we work for the  
15. "forests that long shall endure;" we try to give "service  
16. immortal and sure."

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